

25 JUL 2063

21:25 Hours

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By the time you get this, you will have realized that there is a virus in your head. Unless you find a way to eliminate it, your life will end in something less than two hours.

This all comes as a bit of a shock to you, I'm sure. The scope of the matter in which you have unwittingly involved yourself eclipses the size of your limited imagination. Be warned: your primary appeal for some is your expendability. Surely you're aware that no one would mourn your death. You've ruined more lives than your own.

I have access to a vast amount of electronically-stored information. I'm hoping that the enclosed hard copies will help you weave together the threads of your current dilemma and aid you in your effort to remain among the living. I cannot offer any more at this point in time, since there is a high probability that this message will be intercepted.

Suspicious of my intentions? Cutter, I would be disappointed in you if you weren't. Suffice it to say that I can profit by your survival. Consider this an investment. I expect a return. Do try to stay alive. X

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FROM: DC@INNOV.COM
TO: SOLC@STCH.COR
RE: LITTLE DYNAMO NEURAL IMPLANT
ASMDA PART NUMBER 987584

DEAR MR CUTTER:

THANK YOU FOR PURCHASING THE LITTLE DYNAMO NEURAL IMPLANT. WE HOPE THAT THE INSTALLATION SURGERY IS A SUCCESS IN EVERY WAY.

REMEMBER THAT YOUR LITTLE DYNAMO SHOULD ONLY BE INSTALLED BY A QUALIFIED NEUROSURGEON. YOUR NEW PRODUCT WILL GIVE YOU YEARS OF ENJOYMENT IF YOU OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) LITTLE DYNAMO PROVIDES A DIRECT DATA LINE TO YOUR OWN BRAIN. BE SURE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE HOOKED INTO OR YOU MAY EXPERIENCE A LAPSE IN MENTAL FUNCTIONALITY.
- 2) MAKE SURE YOU ALWAYS HAVE THE LATEST ANTI-VIRAL SOFTWARE. MOST VIRUSES WILL ONLY AFFECT THE DATA YOU CARRY.
- 3) THE MAKERS OF LITTLE DYNAMO ARE NOT LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGE YOU MAY INCUR DUE TO THE INTRUSION OF WETWARE VIRUSES. IT IS RUMORED THAT THESE VIRUSES CAN LEAK INTO YOUR BRAIN AND CAUSE ACTUAL NEURAL DAMAGE. AVOIDING ALL FORMS OF MILITARY SOFTWARE SHOULD KEEP YOU FREE OF THESE PESTS.

PLEASE LINK TO OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE DEPARTMENT IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. AND REMEMBER, FILL OUT YOUR WARRANTY CARD WITHIN 30 DAYS TO QUALIFY FOR OUR 256 GIGABYTE UPGRADE PACKAGE SWEEPSTAKES!

YOURS TRULY,
YOUR FRIENDS AT

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DATE: 13 DEC 2062/18:45 HOURS
TO: X|X|C|E|N|S|O|R|E|D|X|X
FROM: CORPORATE INTELLIGENCE
RE: COMPETITION STATUS REPORT:
CURRENT CORTEX DEVELOPMENTS

OPERATIVES INSIDE CORTEX REPORT THAT OUR CONCERN ABOUT THEIR RECENT SOFTWARE ADVANCES IS JUSTIFIED. NATURE OF NEW PRODUCT REMAINS UNKNOWN TO EVEN OUR MOLES, BUT COMMENTS OVERHEARD IN WASHROOM INDICATE THAT IT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO SERIOUSLY DAMAGE OUR CORPORATE WORTH.

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION: AUTHORIZE COVERT ACTION. OBJECTIVE: SEIZE NEW PRODUCT SPECS FROM CORTEX. A BROAD-DAYLIGHT SNATCH IS NOT FEASIBLE; PROBABILITY OF EXPOSURE TOO HIGH.

SIDE NOTE: RUMORS FLYING ON STOCK MARKET THAT VIELLI, HEAD OF DEVELOPMENT AT CORTEX, IS SERIOUSLY ILL.

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DATE: 25 JUL 2063/20:53 HOURS

TO: [REDACTED]

FROM: COVERT OPERATIONS

RE: OPERATION HOMING PIGEON: UPDATE

MISSION STATUS: GREEN

SUBJECT CUTTER HAS INFILTRATED HEART OF SOFTECH. AS EXPECTED, SUBJECT HAS DOWNLOADED DECOY DATA. RIDER SOFTWARE INJECTED; VIRUS NOTIFICATION TRIGGERED SUCCESSFULLY. BURN:CYCLE ESTABLISHED IN CUTTER'S BRAIN. COUNTDOWN TO TERMINATION: T-120 MINUTES.

PROBABILITY OF SUBJECT'S ESCAPE FROM SOFTECH: 72.57%. WITNESS CONTROL IN PLACE AT LIFTER PAD. SUBJECT IGNORANCE INTACT.

PERSONAL ASSESSMENT: SMOOTH START. ESTIMATED PROBABILITY OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF ENTIRE MISSION BY SUBJECT CUTTER: 3.23%. COVERT OPERATIONS HAS ARRANGED ALTERNATE SUBJECTS IN CASE OF PREMATURE TERMINATION.

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date: 14 OCT 2055/08:43 HOURS
to: BOARD OF ADVISORS/COVERT
from: OPERATIVE 6521
re: MISSION MADE IN TAIWAN: DEBRIEF

MISSION STATUS: COMPLETE

OBJECTIVES:

EXECUTION OF TAIWANESE SOFTWARE PIRATES: ACCOMPLISHED

RETRIEVAL OF STOLEN PRODUCT: ACCOMPLISHED

DESTRUCTION OF REPLICATION HARDWARE: ACCOMPLISHED

ASSESSMENT:

STOLEN PRODUCT RETRIEVED BEFORE MASS ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTION COULD OCCUR. LOSSES TO CORPORATION MINIMAL. BODIES OF TWO TAIWANESE MALE PIRATES DUMPED ON DOORSTEP OF PIRACY RINGLEADER. MESSAGE DELIVERED: WE WILL PROTECT OUR ASSETS AGGRESSIVELY. THESE GUYS WON'T GIVE US ANY MORE TROUBLE.

AS I PREDICTED, ADJUSTER CUTTER IS NOT CAPABLE OF PLAYING IN BIG LEAGUES, THREATENED TO KILL ME AFTER WITNESSING EXECUTION, THEN EXITED SCENE. TRACED HIM LATER TO A BAR, WHERE HE DRANK HIMSELF UNCONSCIOUS. SMALL MAN; NO REAL THREAT. TERMINATION NOT RECOMMENDED; HE MAY BE USEFUL TO US IN THE FUTURE.

ADDENDUM:

LARGE TATTOO NOTED ON BACK OF ONE OF THE TAIWANESE. MADE HOLOBALL IMAGE OF DESIGN. PATTERN DID NOT BELONG TO ANY KNOWN GANG; WAS PROBABLY JUST DECORATIVE. SUGGEST YOU SUBMIT IT TO INTELLIGENCE TO CHECK FOR POSSIBLE GANG LINKS AND THREATS OF RETALIATION. REQUEST RETURN OF HOLOBALL TO ME ON COMPLETION OF RESEARCH.

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